

REMARKS

By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to state that the cross members of the main frame are connected to and between the left and right end members. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pompon, and she has stated that claims 6-8 contain allowable subject matter.

The applicant believes that the examiner's rejection cannot be applied to claim 1 (or dependent claims 2-5) as now amended. In this regard, Pompon discloses a "divan-bed" or like furniture article which can be converted between a divan state and a bed state. When in a divan state, it includes removable armrests 60 (see Fig. 1); when converted to a bed, the armrests are removed.

It is clear that the structure and operation of the Pompon divan-bed is totally different from that of the present invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to state that the cross members (13, 14) of the main frame are connected to and between the left and right end members (11, 12). The elements 39 and 40 of Pompon are not connected to the armrests 60.

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Allowance of this application is requested.

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FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)

